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Applicant: NICHOLS Examiner: Juntima, N.
Serial No.: 09/777,632 Group Art Unit: 2663
Filing Date: 2/6/2001 Docket No.: R26-25192
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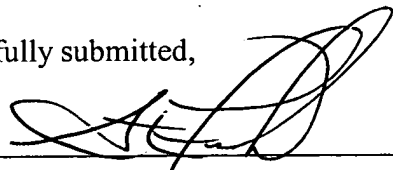
We are submitting herewith the following:

- ☒ Transmittal Sheet containing Certificate under 37 CFR 1.8
- ☒ Office Action Response, pages 1-9
- ☒ Petition for Extension of Time
- ☒ Return Postcard
- ☒ **Authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0996 (HONY.032PA) for the additional claim fee of \$88.00 (one independent claim in excess of three)**

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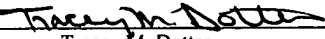
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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 19, 2004, setting a three (3) month shortened statutory period for response, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows. A Petition to Extend the period for responding to the Office Action by 1 month, from October 19, 2004 to November 19, 2004 is submitted herewith.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS begin on page 2.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS begin on page 7.

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